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SUBJECT: RECOVERY OF WORLD WAR II REMAINS

1. FOREIGN MINISTRY CONTINUES TO INFORM US THAT THEY ARE UNAWARE THAT ANY DECISION HAS BEEN MADE ON THE US REQUEST FOR RECOVERY OF WWII REMAINS FROM RESTRICTED AREAS IN ARUNACHAL PRADESH (NEFA). WE CHECKED WITH MEA MOST RECENTLY AUGUST 24 AND WERE AGAIN TOLD THAT NO GOI DECISION HAD BEEN MADE ON THIS AND THAT MEA WAS UNAWARE OF BASIS FOR BRIGADIER RAI'S LETTER OF AUG 4 TO LT. COL. COBBS IN DEPT ARMY, ASST CHIEF STAFF FOR INTELLIGENCE OFFICE (DEPT ARMY 101731Z AUG 76).

2. EMBASSY HAS PRESSED FOREIGN MINISTRY QUITE HARD ON THIS SUBJECT OVER THE LAST YEAR AND MORE, INCLUDING LETTER FROM AMB. SAXBE TO FOREIGN SECRETARY IN LAST SIX WEEKS. MEA OFFICIALS CONTINUE TO INSIST THEY ARE TRYING TO GET APPROVAL FOR US TEAM TO VISIT AREA WHERE REMAINS ARE LOCATED FOR RECOVERY, AND HAVE AVOIDED THE "EASY COURSE" OF SIMPLY SAYING "NO", BUT THAT INDIANS WOULD MAKE RECOVERY THEMSELVES. PLEASE LET US KNOW PROMPTLY WHETHER MAJ. GENERAL SMITH'S LETTER TO RAI OF AUG 19 (DEPT ARMY 231400Z AUG 76) MEANS WE SHOULD NOW FORMALLY NOTIFY MEA THEY NEED NO LONGER PURSUE OUR ORIGINAL REQUEST.
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